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| <i>DEC 12 2003</i> | Application Number | 09/772,920 |
| | Filing Date | January 31, 2001 |
| | First Named Inventor | Clevenger, et al. |
| | Art Unit | 2825 |
| | Examiner Name | Keshavan, Belur V. |
| | Attorney Docket Number | YOR919990492US1 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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2. Miscellaneous

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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/772,920

Filed: January 31, 2001



Group Art Unit: 2825

Examiner: Keshavan, Belur V.

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING DUAL DAMASCENE INTERCONNECTIONS AND
STRUCTURE PRODUCED THEREBY

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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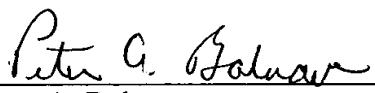
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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